the North East can also apply and compete for those posts. Local teachers are also appointed in KVs on part-time basis till the posts are filled up by regular teachers.

Stoppage of ragging

764. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any step to stop ragging in colleges as the new academic year is about to start; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is implementing those of the recommendations of the Report on Prevention of Ragging in Educational Institutions as have been accepted by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in a matter before the Apex court. Instructions have been issued to University Grants Commission, other Statutory Bodies and higher educational institutions to follow the instructions contained in the Report like constituting Monitoring Cells at the University level, forming Anti-Ragging Committees and Anti-Ragging Squads at the institutional level and enforcing the penal clause strictly as enshrined in the Report. Advertisements have been published in print media to generate awareness against the menace of ragging in educational institutions. State Governments have also been requested to comply with the directions of the Apex Court.

Drop out in Jharkhand

765. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drop out rate in Jharkhand is above 80 per cent;

(b) the literacy rate among the tribals of the State during the last three years; gender-wise;

(c) the school drop out among the tribals of the state; and

(d) the steps Government propose to retain tribal children in schools and improve the tribal human resource?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Since drop-out data relate to figures collected over a period of time, the data, currently available for the year 2004-05 relate to Bihar including Jharkhand, is given below: